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SUBJ: BLOCKING OF VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN ASSETS: EMBASSY ACCOUNTS

REF: STATE 102400

1. MINISTER OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE EMBASSY MR. TA THAI BUU,  
HAS APPROACHED EMBASSY ABOUT UNBLOCKING OF HIS EMBASSY'S  
ACCOUNT IN THE FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK (FNCB) NEW YORK.  
BUU HAS STATED THAT HIS FIRST QUARTER ALLOCATION FROM SAIGON  
WAS NOT DEPOSITED AT FNCB NEW YORK UNTIL APRIL 30TH -  
DAY BLOCKING OF VIETNAMESE ACCOUNTS ANNOUNCED. ACCORDINGLY,  
BUU CLAIMS HE HAS INCURRED EXPENSES IN BUENOS AIRES IN RELATION  
TO THE OPERATION OF THE EMBASSY DURING THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY,  
MARCH, APRIL AND MAY, AND INCIDENT TO THE CLOSING OF THE EMBASSY  
FOR WHICH HE HAS ISSUED DOLLAR CHECKS DRAWN ON FNCB NEW YORK,  
TOTTALLING APPROXIMATELY THE AMOUNT OF THE ALLOCATION:  
US \$41,831.70.

2. THE EXPENSES WHICH BUU HAS ITEMIZED FOR US ARE AS FOLLOWS:  
(ALL IN US DOLLARS):

RENT FOR OFFICIAL RESIDENCE AND OFFICES: 4,600

UTILITIES: 900

MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES (INCLUDING PACKING AND  
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SHIPPING OF HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS): 1,128

SALARIES:

MINISTER TA THAI BUU: 5,324  
FIRST SECRETARY NGUYEN KHOA THIEU: 4,020  
THIRD SECRETARY TRINH XUAN NUNG: 3,080  
CLERK MRS. TRAN THISI: 2,040  
DOMESTIC SERVANT: 880  
FOUR ARGENTINE EMPLOYEES (FEB, MAR, APR ONLY): 4,500

ADDITIONALLY, WE UNDERSTAND BUU HAS PURCHASED OPEN TICKETS FOR HIMSELF AND HIS VIETNAMESE STAFF AND THEIR FAMILIES IN AN AMOUNT EQUIVALENT TO ONE WAY PASSAGE TO SAIGON FROM BUENOS AIRES FOR A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY \$15,360 DOLLARS. (WE UNDERSTAND NONE WILL REMAIN IN BUENOS AIRES, AND WILL SHORTLY BE LEAVING. NONE AT THE MOMENT PLAN TO RETURN TO SAIGON, HOWEVER).

3. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY BUEOS AIRES HAS NO WAY OF CORROBORATING BUU'S STORY, THE EXPENSES OUTLINED ABOVE ALL APPEAR REASONABLE. PRESUMABLY FNCB CAN DETERMINE WHETHER THE 41,831.70 ALLOCATION WAS FOR FIRST AND NOT SECOND QUARTER EXPENSES.

4. ON THIS BASIS  
EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT THE AMOUNT IN QUESTION (41,831.70) BE UNBLOCKED FROM THE VIETNAMESE EMBASSY'S FNCB NEW YORK ACCOUNT NO. 10974773 (111 WALL ST., N.Y. 10015).

5. VIETNAMESE EMBASSY DID NOT BANK WITH A LOCAL INSTITUTION BUT WROTE CHECKS IN DOLLARS DIRECTLY ON IT FNCB NEW YORK ACCOUNT.

6. ON A SEPARATE BUT RELATED ISSUE, EMBASSY ALSO RECOMMENDS THAT BUU'S PRIVATE ACCOUNT BE UNBLOCKED. BUU HAS AN ACCOUNT WITH THE BANK OF TOKYO LTD., 100 BROADWAY, NEW YORK 10005 (ACCOUNT NO. 121003590) WHICH CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY \$5,000 DOLLARS, AS CORROBORATED BY RECENT BANK STATEMENT SHOWN TO EMBOFF BY BUU. BUU HAS BEEN ADVISED TO SEEK UNBLOCKING DIRECTLY AS WELL. EMBASSY ALSO RECOMMENDS UNBLOCKING OF PERSONAL ACCOUNT OF THIRD SECRETARY TRINH XUAN NUNG IN BANK OF AMERICA INTERNATIONAL BANKING OFFICE 659, IN SAN FRANCISCO (BOX 37020, CALIFORNIA 94137). NUNG HAS TWO ACCOUNTS: CHECKING NO. 65935834, AND SAVINGS NO. 65962073, IN SAME BANK. HE ALSO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILL BE CORRESPONDING DIRECTLY WITH HIS BANK. DECON: 5/27/76.

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